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Minutes of COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON REGULAR Meeting

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Held Monday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. 2010

**ALL TO ORDER:**

1. The council meeting was called to order Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. by President of Council Daryl Revoldt.

**OPENING PRAYER:**

2. The opening prayer was delivered by Rev. Steven Stultz Costello, Co-Pastor, Faith United Methodist Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

3. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Revoldt: Clerk, would you please call the roll.

4. The following members of Council responded to roll call: Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt and Snyder. Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Administration Wise, Director of Law Nilges, Director of Finance Zumbar, Director of Economic Development Bowles, City Engineer Benekos, Superintendent of Permits & Inspection Hampton, Superintendent of Streets & Utilities Chufar, Rental Coordinator Mary Raymond, and Clerk of Council Kalpac.

5. Consideration

Council Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2010

Financial Statement – January, 2010

Mayor's Court Receipts – January, 2010

Mr. Revoldt: We have, Council, has for your consideration, minutes of our Council Meeting of February 22, as well as the Financial Statement and the Mayor's Court Receipts for January, 2010. Are there any corrections or questions?

Mr. Snyder: I move, Mr. President, we approve as presented.

Mr. DeOrio: Second.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to accept minutes of February 22, 201, Financial Statement and Mayor's Court Receipts of January, 2010 as presented. All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.

No: 0.

6. Committee Minutes:

Mr. Revoldt: We also have for our consideration this evening, Committee Minutes from an Executive Session of Personnel & Safety held on March 1, 2010, Finance & Property; Ordinance, Rules & Claims; Park & Recreation; Personnel & Safety; and Street & Alley Committee Meetings all held on March 1, 2010. Are there any amendments or questions regarding those minutes?

Mr. DeOrio: Mr. President, I would move that you approve those committee minutes as submitted.

Mrs. Kiesling: Second.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to approved Committee Minutes of March 1, 2010 as submitted. All members present voting:

Yes: Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio.

No: 0.

**Executive Sessions:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Executive Session Meeting for Personnel & Safety held on March 1, 2010.

**Finance & Property Committee:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Finance & Property Committee meeting held on March 1, 2010.

**Ordinance, Rules & Claims Committee:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Ordinance, Rules & Claims Committee meeting held on March 1, 2010.

**Park & Recreation:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Park & Recreation Committee meeting held on March 1, 2010.

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**Personnel & Safety Committee:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Personnel & Safety Committee meeting held on March 1, 2010.

**Street & Alley Committee:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Street & Alley Committee meeting held on March 1, 2010.

7. Presentation Citizens Survey Committee

Mr. Revoldt: Next item on the agenda is the presentation of the Citizens Survey, the results. We have with us this evening Mr. Ray Shanabruch and Larry Breckenridge and I'll turn it over to you now, gentlemen.

Mr. Breckenridge: Thank you, Daryl. My name is Larry Breckenridge. I am a resident and my wife and I live on Pleasantview Avenue, SE in Ward 3. We have been residents of North Canton for over forty (40) years. First, on behalf of our committee, we want to thank members of Council and members of the Administration here this evening, for giving us the opportunity to make this presentation about the survey tonight. We do want Council and Administration and all of the citizens in North Canton to hear and see and hopefully, understand the responses and the comments that were submitted back to the committee via the survey. Secondly, we will provide copies to everybody here and make available copies to the audience of everything that we are showing here this evening after the presentation is over. So you do not have to take any copious notes and lastly, then if you have any questions during the presentation, please do feel free to ask them during the presentation. Please do feel free to ask them as we go along rather than trying to save them to the end. To begin, I'd like to start off by reading this to you even though it's obvious to everybody except maybe a few on that side – the City's most valuable resource never was the Hoover Company. It has always been our citizens. The Hoover Company is gone but our people remain. It is time to stop looking around, waiting for change and to move on together and make change happen. This slide as you see it, the thought behind it, describes the general feelings of our survey committee as we were meeting over the last several months and hopefully, it will provide the emphasis to several factors, not the least of which we hope the results and the findings of the citizens of North Canton will serve as the basis for both a short term and a long term plan; that City Council and the Administration will develop to lead North Canton in the future days and months. We have several people who have served us on the citizens committee and for those who are here this evening, not everybody was able to attend tonight for some personal reasons – but as I read the names of those who are here, if you would be good enough to stand, please – Miriam Baughman, Debbie Goldthorpe, Paul Beinlich – he's not made it yet, Ted Hall is not able to be here, Evie Riegler, Glenn Cummings, Ray Shanabruch, and we were fortunate enough to have two (2) representatives from the City – our Council representative from Ward 3 – Jeff Davies who everybody knows, but he'll stand up anyhow, and our Administrative representative, Eric Bowles. Going forward, we thought that we would mention a couple of things about the survey – how we got together as a committee, what prompted us to develop a survey from the very beginning. Back in the fall of 2008, North Canton City Council and the City Administration started hosting some Town Hall Meetings for North Canton, and I'm sure that a lot of people here attended those meetings, read about them in the paper – and at one of those meetings, a presentation was given by a representative of the Ohio Auditor's Office. That representative gave the results of an audit that had been conducted at the request of the City of North Canton and talked about the evaluation, their evaluation, of the City's operations and policies and they made some recommendations to optimize what they called the future operational service needs of the City of North Canton. One of the recommendations in that audit committee's report was that the City of North Canton should attempt to conduct a citizen's survey. Obviously, at that time, because of the nature of the meetings, finance and finances in general, was a critical issue for the City of North Canton, and as probably many of us in this room know, to hire somebody on a professional basis to conduct a survey of this nature, could be fairly expensive. When we found out, some of us in the meeting that evening as citizens, that there might be an opportunity to do the survey if we could do it for less than a professional organization would charge. Ray Shanabruch and I talked to several people about this, immediately including Mr. Davies and Mr. Revoldt, and we volunteered our time and whatever service we could provide. Fortunately for us, then, we had some volunteers from other areas in the community step forward and raise their hands and said, we'll be a part of that also, and you have met them as citizens of the committee. When we did get together then, we said, okay, we need a mission statement – something that will guide us through this and I would like to read our mission statement. We said that we were going to gather information and data from the North Canton citizens and operators of businesses in the City of North Canton by soliciting their thoughts and opinions about the present and future governmental operations and the policies of the City, and of their satisfaction with the quality of life. We presented that mission statement along with the background statement that I just talked about and a list of goals and objectives to City Council and to the Administration. There were five (5) goals and objectives that the committee put together and those included No. 1 that we as a committee felt that it was imperative that the members of Council and the members of the City Administration give the

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committee their support in conducting this survey – not just verbally and through legislation but also to pick up the tab for whatever expenses we would incur with our promise that we would, obviously, keep the expenses down as low as possible. The survey committee also indicated to Council and to the Administration at that time that our intent was to have multiple surveys – the first survey of which would be more general in nature and give us some kind of a guide for follow-up surveys. Any follow-up surveys would then be more specific and center on topics that we could pull from the results of the very first general survey. And we said that the goal for the completion of the project, at least in the first part, was December of 2010. We have completed the first part of the survey, as everybody knows, and we think that we have held our course in terms of the budget and in terms of getting information back from the citizens of North Canton and you will hear from other members of the committee tonight via a presentation here and they'll talk more in detail about the results and the answers that the community sent back to the survey sheets. Now, I would like to turn it over, if I can for just a few minutes, to Eric Bowles. Eric, as I mentioned, an ad hoc member of our committee. Obviously everybody knows or should know he is also the Director of Economic Development for the City of North Canton and served us extremely well. We couldn't ask for anything more than Eric has given us as a participant and has really guided those of us who did not know a whole lot about community surveys up to this point in time. Mr. Bowles.

Mr. Bowles: Well just a couple of comments I wanted to make – compliments to the highly dedicated members of the survey committee, I see Mr. Beinlich just walked in now, for your hard work and your efforts during the meetings putting together the survey. As was mentioned, the survey was done and basically exceeded the survey committee's expectations which I know that Ray will discuss as far as the rate of returns, but the survey committee reviewed a number of surveys that were conducted nationally throughout the United States in a number of communities including the American Survey that was done a number of years ago and they were looking at a number of goals – one was to get a survey – a general survey as Larry mentioned, out there to the public, but also get a survey that was very cost effective as well because as was mentioned before, the times and such that the City does not have a lot of money to spend. But, whatever the case is, the survey committee did a great job – a lot of hard work was involved. They've put out a great product. They had a high rate of return and I just have to compliment the survey committee. They were wonderful. Larry passed a compliment on to me, but quite frankly, the survey committee, after the first couple meetings, they steered the boat so my hat's off to all – they did a great job.

Mr. Shanabruch: I'm Ray Shanabruch. My wife and I have lived the last thirty-eight (38) years here in North Canton. We live at 809 Lucille SW, right behind Mercy Medical Center. I was fortunate enough to move to North Canton when I was six years old so I basically have grown up here except for some time in college and the service. I am very thankful to City Council and the Administration for the opportunity to work on this survey committee because it's a labor of love for me. This is my community, I love it here, I've been involved in little league, football, church, some of the committees in the City, so I tell you it is a labor of love. As we looked at this as a committee, the 2000 census said we had 16,000+ people here, right? And our goal was to reach as many as we could on this survey to try to get as good a response to it the first time out of the box. We spent a lot of time trying to figure out how to do that. We were fortunate enough that the mailing in the water bills which you now do, we had a perfect vehicle to reach a large number of households. With that group, we did also deliver the surveys to The Danbury and St. Lukes. We went to the ministerial association and they also delivered them to some churches because everybody does not get a water bill. We feel we got approximately 7000 surveys out to our public. We had hoped that we would get a return here of 6% - 7%, we would have been elated with 10%. You know, this was mailed out without fanfare and we got 19% back. I mean that's an almost unheard of return and I think it speaks really highly for the community and you're going to see some of those comments as we're going through some of the other information, but that was pretty overwhelming for us. We're pretty excited about how the community has responded. I'm going to give you then just a quick rundown here of the age groups and how they responded. We expected pretty much a growing response number, if you look, and we show you population percentage for each age group and then the number of respondent's percentage adjacent to it. We thought it would start out with the lower age groups – maybe a high percentage of the population but a low percentage of respondents and it pretty much followed that. We had one anomaly – the 35-44 year age group – they're 16% of our population. They only did 8% of the returns. I'm not going to tell you we can explain that to you. That was the only real anomaly in the returns. But you can see, we got a lot of returns from across the board except for the very young and most of those are in other households anyway. They probably didn't get a survey directly. So, with that background, it gives you an idea of the responses and how many we got out. I'd like to turn this over to Glenn Cummings – he's going to cover the first couple questions.

Mr. Cummings: Thank you very much for allowing us to speak and I see a lot of folks that I recognize, we have a lot of students that I'm glad are here today as well. My name is Glen Cummings. My wife and I have lived in North Canton for twenty-two (22) years. We have two (2) children and I'm a teacher at the high school and I could not be prouder to teach at our

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high school and I thank the community for the support they give us. I also coach football and I have since I arrived here in North Canton and I have the wonderful opportunity to talk to you about the positive returns from this survey which I was glad that I was chosen to do that and the first question that I get to address – "what are the primary reasons you either chose to move or keep your home and/or business in North Canton?" You can see from the survey results, these are our top results – so a strong sense of community has been at the top and you'll see that it's at the top of some of the other questions that we have and the responses that we had – there was an open-ended question at the end and the responses that we got were generally positive and I'll talk about that a little bit more at the end. But, you have a strong sense of community. I think that's so important to remember. It's been an honor to work with these folks and Ray talking about, it's a labor of love and the passion that these people have to live in this community still is a very impressive thing to me. And you can read these, the schools, very high on the list. Our schools have received excellent ratings the last ten (10) years in a row – as well as we can do. It's not because of the teachers, that's because of the community and that's because of the product of students that we're sent because of the community support that we have. I thank you so much for that. Clean and safe communities, the location here in northeast Ohio and the work opportunities that we have. And then, why did you stay here, what do you like best about North Canton? So the first question, why you came, but why did you remain? And you can see from the survey responses that they're very similar. Sense of community – the fact that our community is clean and safe, that the schools are keeping people here, and that the location is still a place in northeast Ohio where people will use as we know as a (inaudible) community and I think that's significant and I wanted to use an anecdote, and I looked through materials – being a teacher, my students know I get off-track a little bit, and the best anecdote I can think of is, when my wife and I moved here we were married in 1988. We graduated from Kent State University and we literally, and the committee found it hard to believe, we literally opened up a map of Ohio and she lived in Cleveland and I lived in Dennison, Ohio, which is in Tuscarawas County, and we looked directly in the middle and we circled North Canton because it was forty-five (45) minutes to her home and forty-five (45) minutes to my house and we were going to be here one (1) year. We were going to get jobs, save money and we were going to move to Virginia and start our lives, and in that year, we fell in love with this community and the people that we met, some of you know Ed Glass – Ed Glass was the first man that I met in North Canton and Ed Glass told me when I went to work for him – I went up to volunteer as a football coach – the first thing that he said to me has stuck with me to this day. If you can't teach, then there's no sense in you sticking around because you'll never be a coach if you can't be a teacher and that was the first man I met in the community and that made such an impression. I expected it to be all about football. I knew North Canton had a proud tradition – no, the first thing was, if you can't teach, you can't coach – you might as well not be here. And then I look around and I see Mr. Bacon and Mr. Foltz, and Mr. Revoldt came to my class very early in my career and spoke to my kids every time I called – every time I called, he would show up. The (inaudible) were my neighbors and still are my neighbors and it's just a wonderful place to be and that's the message that we need to get out to folks. All of that is here. We just can't work at cross purposes. We need to be moving in the same direction. I'll turn it back over to Ray.

Mr. Shanabruch: Thanks, Glenn. Glenn did the two (2) positive questions. I was selected to do the one (1) in there that we saw as a negative. Keep in mind, we wanted open ended questions, at least for a large part of the survey, so our first three (3) – the two (2) that Glenn covered, and then the third one, was the negative one and we didn't lead on this question. We did a rating of some services I'll cover after this question, but we didn't want to lead. We wanted people to give what hit their mind first and write it down. So, we put this one in, we didn't know how to word it so we just didn't mince words. We said, tell us what you don't like. The most amazing thing about this question is we thought we would get a sense of some anger some place, or some real major issues that had people really upset. The first group of responses, they either said, no response, left it blank, or we like it here – no negative. That's over half of the respondents. That was amazing to us. But you know, I think that follows along with the sense of community we see on the first two (2) questions that make people want to stay, so we felt really good about that. The next three (3) we did get some responses that were not all hearts and flowers – not unanticipated. I will say this though – the responses were very thoughtful, they weren't just one (1) word negativity. Usually it was backed with a couple good thoughts, and so, they were thoughtful. Road repair and traffic was the one that was mentioned most and it was 13% and it covered a gambit from Main Street isn't wide enough to we don't like the way traffic signals line up. It's a wide range – we put them all in kind of a grouping because there were just too many individual topics to try to intelligently address and they were down in the 1/2% range. I think one of the things that, and this is a personal opinion, as you have talked about some of the things on Main Street, when it gets coverage in the news media, they talk about the big bucks you've got to spend and the last thing that gets mentioned is what you're doing in the neighborhoods or maybe you're delaying something. So, there's some perception problems that maybe we need to work on communication a little better. The politics of government is the politics of government. We live in a democratic society. There is constructive criticism. That's always going to be with us

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and to see it up there is hardly surprising. Lack of business development surprised us because I think it tells you how thoughtful your community is. This was not so much, we're mad about the development as we're concerned. We're concerned the Hoover Company isn't here anymore. We're worried about that. We're worried there's a lot of open spaces on Main Street. We're not creating a lot of jobs. I think, again, here we have a communication issue because one of the things I find as I go around the community, and probably some of you do too, nobody really knows how many jobs and companies we've brought into this Hoover Company. We've done a very poor job of telling them what we're doing in development and they're concerned. So I think they need to hear more from you about what's happening. There were twenty-three (23) other items and they went from tea to breakfast and we'll leave it at that. If you want more detail, there's plenty of detail if you like to look at surveys. That's the highlights but the big thing was this community is, I would say, a pretty happy community. They think they're blessed to live here. Now the next question we asked people to rate some services and as we did that, we combined excellent, good and fair and poor because you can kind of put a line of demarcation between those two (2) rather than trying to give you all four (4) and we put them in some groupings that we have - in like items, if you will, so you can - and we've rated them from top to bottom. The best to the poorest, and there aren't that many there that are that poor. This is a list of the individual items that were asked to be rated on the survey and that's the first half and there's the second half so you see it's a pretty long list. We took this list and then we did some grouping. This one is not so much a grouping but is items that had to stand alone. They're not - each one is a unique entity - no other items are related closely to them. Again, if you look, economic development is the one that got the poorest rating on the entire survey and again, I hope that's more perception than fact, but it again speaks, to me, very loudly about the need for more communication. One thing I will say, though, I did not see any survey that I looked at that complained about how much we were spending on development. When we did safety services, people are in love with our Police Department and our enforcement of traffic, so, that's pretty amazing. City services in general, again, there's - you've got to feel pretty good when you look at this, but this is the type of response that you have to see. The one issue there is probably one that we probably should not have put in the survey and that's sidewalk maintenance and the reason for that is, that's a responsibility of the homeowner and the individual property owner. I'm not sure a lot of our newer resident maybe totally understand that. Again, perhaps if we had been a little wiser, we would not have put that there. On the other hand, maybe there's another opportunity for some communication in our community about what your responsibilities are as a homeowner in this town. City services - you know we grouped everything again - you know snow removal and you're lagging in street cleaning - street repair comes in down there toward the bottom again. And again, I think some of the things that occurred in media print have added to that, but I think there's some concern in the community as we did not pass our levy and again, I keep saying the word communication, but I think we need to do a better job. These four (4) questions I would say probably shouldn't have been put in the survey. In retrospect, no survey is perfect - fire inspection pretty much relates to commercial establishments in town and most of our residents really wouldn't have any basis for judgment. Those are pretty tough. I guess in summary, the one (1) thing - I should have did this before - I'm going to go back - City Administration and City Council - there was - I'm not sure that - in the paper - I saw this when I was in Florida last week - it was either *USA Today* or it was the *Jacksonville Tribune*. They had a survey in there where they're asking people about how they feel about government. I don't know if any of you have seen that or not. There has been a tremendous decline in the last twenty (20) years back down into the 30's or 20's in terms of faith in government. So, if you look at 66% City Administration and 54% City Council, those are still pretty good grades. I'll leave you with that thought and we're going to bring Glenn back up.

Mr. Cummings: Thank you. The final four (4) things, or the final few things that I have to talk about will deal with how you best can communicate and so our question, as you see, "How can the City best communicate news/information to and from you?" These were the top responses and you may see our numbers add up to more than our survey return. Many people put more than just one (1) answer but communication was something that people felt essential overall, and there's a strong feeling that we do need to communicate better with the citizens. The citizens feel a need to get information and to be able to communicate back to the Administration. And again, I think that goes - I was so impressed with the Reverend's speech at the beginning - his prayer at the beginning when he was talking about the idea of synergy. I think that the people are here - what we need to do is get people going in the right direction - we need to try to harness everybody's energies and to go in that right direction. As you can see on the screen, media - well, I'm sorry, first - water bill was the big thing, I think - it says mail and newsletter - so mail and newsletter - people love the idea that we communicated with them through the water bill. They thought that that was wonderful and we think that's part of the reason that we got such a good survey. So, the way to communicate, even if it's just a little bit of information each time may be through that water bill. We feel that's sort of what people are getting at with the mail and newsletter. As far as the media, the media included *Our Town*, *The Canton Repository*, and Channel 11 - the high school news channel, and the tv and radio as well. The website, many people asked for a website and we've talked about that - that may be a good committee - an ad hoc citizen's committee as well, where we

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could help develop something like that. But there were comments – and then comments among our group, talking about the idea of a website where we could have blogs and maybe Council could take turns – I know everybody's busy but if we just did one (1) a week where you had a blog once a week, and from the Administration just once a week so that you could get that – and we could get something from our Service Departments and information where people could listen to what they're saying and respond to what's being said. We think that it's so simple. Our website at the high school is so well done and it's so easy for me and I know very little about technology but it's so easy for me to re-arrange that and to communicate with my students and parents. That was something that was encouraged, the development of a website that is more interactive, that was more immediate, and changes made quickly. And then you can see the others – and then there were some "no responses". The next question and this was the final question on our survey – "Do you have any other comments about the City at this time?" And, we opened up a can of worms when we did that because at that point, we had endless amounts of comments – very very interesting reading, actually I really enjoyed reading them – I shared them with my wife – she enjoyed reading them. They ran the gambit and there was no central collection and there was no general consensus where we could say that this is what most people talked about. Some were negative – the vast majority were positive and we were very impressed with that. Now, I had to throw in a little history lesson here – government lesson. So "Here, Sir, the People Govern." – Alexander Hamilton, and the one thing that I do want to communicate – this is my third major volunteer project here in the community. I've worked on two (2) survey committees as well and with all of the folks that I worked on survey committees – and many of them are here tonight I see around the room – there has been a perception that we put in a lot of time and we became very dedicated to our project and that it was almost rubber stamped. There wasn't much response from the administration and we really hope that doesn't happen because you do have the citizens responding now and the people are our bosses. The people are your bosses and so we do feel that there needs to be a response and actually one way or the other, with the levies that are coming up, there is a strong feeling that there needs to be good communication, that there needs to be some type of drive and we think that you can use this information to your advantage. Again, I think Ray made an excellent point, nobody is saying government is spending too much as far as the comments. I know the people feel that way. But as far as the comments that we received, we didn't receive a vast majority of comments that said stop spending money. They want things done. They want things repaired. I talked about Mr. Revoldt and how Mr. Revoldt came into my classes – the first time Mr. Revoldt ever came into my class, to my students, Mr. Revoldt was a bureaucrat at that point. We talked about bureaucrats. He worked for Congressman Regula and he worked as a staff member in his office and he would come, and the first lesson he ever talked about was public opinion. He said public opinion is like a running river – it's a snapshot. You take a picture of that river and it changes immediately. We realize now that this is almost four (4) or five (5) months old. We realize that the information we are giving you is older – but it's still information that we think that you can use and that it will be productive and I encourage you to try to work together to be more civil. We get rounds of press and I think that the press is negative and I'm sorry I implore the press to not dwell on the negative. You have people come out and they're trying to do the right thing for the community and instead of being positive, the fact that you're here working all of the time, the fact that you don't get paid enough for what you do – the amount of hours that you put into, that goes by the wayside and it ends up being the negatives and there are so many positive things happening in this community. I see my students here and they're the future, okay – I ask you to remember that we are only caretakers. This is not just our town. We are here for a brief time. We're doing our job – we take care of it the best we can because we have to pass it on. We're gone very quickly and that's the way it has to be. It has to be I'll do my part – I'll make it better and I'll pass it on better for the next generation and so I encourage that attitude and I thank you very much for your service. It is a lot of work and we realize that as we meet every week and it is very difficult to do and to take that time away from your family and I would like to introduce Debbie Goldthorpe.

Mrs. Goldthorpe: Which I'm not really sure why I'm up here because I think you just had the wrap-up, but I think maybe because during all these meetings, I tended to be the one who said that picture's a little too rosy for me. When you have two hundred ninety-two (292) people who say everything's great, I guess I think that part of them just don't know what all goes on so they say everything's fine. So I get two (2) topics tonight. The first one because people sometimes have to hear the same thing over and over – let's talk about communication. Some of the survey responses seemed to indicate a lack of knowledge on the part of the citizens. We did, as a group, acknowledge the argument that some people just don't care about information and what's going on around them. Others will dig and dig and manage to find enough information to satisfy their curiosity. Those are all of you who come every Monday night. Our concern is that the information is not plentiful and it's not easy to find. The high survey return shows there are many who care enough to take time to offer their opinions. Some specific responses indicate that they want information but others said that communications available to them is inconsistent, and at times, totally absent. I looked for the agenda for this meeting tonight on the website at 4:00 o'clock and it wasn't there. It seemed to the survey committee that using the water bill as a vehicle for monthly communications

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could substantially improve the level of knowledge and involvement in the community. It is likely the most economical way you have to consistently deliver information to the citizens about what's happening to the Hoover District, and believe me, the people don't know. New businesses, traffic and street repairs, levies, anything going on in the City. And because people learn in different ways, it is virtually impossible to over-communicate with them. Our committee challenges our City government to acknowledge this weakness and work to improve. My second topic is the continuation of work by the survey committee. We appreciate the resolution that was signed by Council members last summer showing support for our work that we were about to begin. We did begin in the middle of last August and it truly has been a grassroots effort to capture information that will assist in the governance of the City. In our original goals and objectives, we said the project would use multiple surveys. The first one was general questions, and subsequent ones, more specific and based on the prior survey results. That first survey was mailed in the water bill at a cost less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). We would like to distribute those results in any subsequent surveys, using the water bills as a means of distribution. We ask for your continued support and assurance that the cost of these mailings will be met by the City. We found the survey results both interesting and encouraging. We will structure the questions of future surveys to learn more detailed information, especially about this topic which indicated the most concern. As you study the results, there may be topics that are of particular concern to you. Maybe ones that are particularly relevant to your ward. We would be happy to have your suggestions as we begin to formulate the next set of questions. Finally, the input and opinions of the citizens of this or any other community are important. These are the people who elected you and the people who pay our taxes and live next door. These are the people who volunteer with your kids to do sports, serve on your committees and work at your special events. These are the people who take the time to fill out a survey and then hope that it matters. We hope you agree the survey results can be beneficial and the decision may be processed and even more we hope these and future results will actually be used in the decision making process. Thank you.

Mr. Revoldt: Does that conclude your presentation this evening?

Mr. Breckenridge: It does, Daryl with one announcement – well two, I'm sorry. Eric, again has everything that you have seen in this presentation – hard copies to pass out to all of you, along with, as a reminder, the background, the mission statement, the goals and objectives that I talked about. I know that you saw them all last August and also, a copy of the survey itself in case you want to match up the survey with the responses and the information that you saw up here. The last announcement, and this goes to the public, and we would appreciate the media carrying this – we are always looking for other volunteers to join our committee. We welcome one and all. You can contact Ray Shanabroch or myself. Our numbers are in the phonebook. Ask your Council representative. Contact somebody within the Administration here at City Hall. We will make sure that our meeting schedule and any questions that you might have are given back to us, so if anybody would like to volunteer, please do so. Daryl, Council, thank you.

Mr. Revoldt: Before we move from the subject, are there any questions or comments from Council regarding this matter for the survey committee? Does anyone have any observations...

Mr. Foltz: No, I just appreciate the committee and the hard work that they did, but also their input while they were looking at the results. I think it's invaluable to us. Everyone of the speakers tonight, as far as members of that committee, just had some insight to that that I think we can use. They've looked over every response in some cases and I think that's invaluable to us for future decisions and questions for the survey for them to go the second round. So, appreciate your hard work. Thank you.

Mr. Revoldt: Anyone else?

(Inaudible from audience)

Mr. Revoldt: Not yet. Is there – Administration do you have anything?

Mayor Held: Yes, I'd like to thank all of you for the hard work that you've put into this survey. You know it's really nice when you have an objective group of people that gather the information from the residents and then put it together in a meaningful way. I think we really learned a lot. Number one, what a great community we have in North Canton and great services and how overall the people in our City are very pleased; and at the same time we've learned how we can improve because that's what our goal is here. I know it was mentioned by Mr. Cummings, during the speech, that, you know, we are here for a short period of time and then it's really the children who come up through – so we're just caretakers and we want to do – I know that Council as well as everybody in the Administration – we want to do the best that we can to serve the people and I really appreciate the time and effort that you folks put in. I think that the information is invaluable to us. Very nice.

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Mr. Revoldt: Anyone else? Before we do move on, I guess I just have a couple quick comments. I would absolutely concur that we can always do a better job with regard to communication and I would take this opportunity to lay at the feet of that most excellent television production company we have at Hoover this charge. We have three (3) knowledgeable and articulate members of a municipal finance committee. I believe that they should be on channel 11 prior to the May primary to speak to municipal finances and the importance of the EMS Levy. You know, one of the issues up here, Glenn, that you mentioned is that we didn't get much comment about spending. The fact of the matter is, and we, this is the drum beat, we are looking at a deficit between eight hundred thousand (\$800,000) and one point two million (1.2 million dollars) in 2011. We are going to be making some very very difficult and tough choices to balance that budget. These decisions will probably be made sooner rather than later. But anything that can be done to enlighten the electorate to let them understand the situation we're in, would be helpful. It's particularly important that everyone understand that we, as a body, are acutely aware of families in this City that are struggling financially. We know it and it has tempered many of our decisions that we've made and that thought will continue to guide us in the days ahead. I think the other point is this and democracy is a messy business – it's like making sausage. Sometimes it's just not very pretty. I happen to believe that sometimes our worst critics are our best friends and to that degree we have had a number of very unusual nights up here where we've had, to put it kindly, spirited and spontaneous debate, springing forth from the audience. We're not sure we necessarily approve of violations of our decorum but I think what's important for students to understand is that this group, as a whole, as we've wrestled with decisions over the last thirty-six (36) months, has, I think, conducted itself in an exemplary fashion. There really hasn't been an uncivil word spoken between the Administration and Council or amongst Council, although sometimes frustrations run a little high. The bottom line is we do take the expectation of our residents seriously in terms of how this Council should behave and it's a great credit to this Council in particular that it has been a most agreeable group in terms of its conduct. So, talking about discussion, we did have one question over here, sir, if your question is germane to the survey, this is your opportunity. Would you please step, excuse me, if you would step forward to the microphone and state your name and address.

Mr. Gissiner: My name is Timothy Jack Gissiner. I live at 3600 Arnold Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio and the zip is 44709. My issue is I'm dealing with several issues actually here. I have a hit and run incident that occurred in front of Marc's in North Canton, Ohio which I reported to my insurance company. Alright – I've talked to the officer about this before and I've got a police report that shows physical damage to my vehicle so it's reported to my insurance company and I'll proceed further because it clearly states that you're not taking care of your roads like you should. Obviously, you must have swerved to hit the pothole that I've run over probably about ten (10) or twelve (12) times since the incident. So, number one, whoever's in charge of your street department should be replaced or looked at as far as being reprimanded.

Mr. Revoldt: When was the date of the accident?

Mr. Gissiner: I had the police report filed with my insurance company.

Mr. Revoldt: When did the accident occur?

Mr. Gissiner: You can find that out downstairs. The other issue I have is whether or not I received the product for which I paid for at a BP Station at Applegate and Main Street in North Canton, Ohio. I have a police report on that here that clearly states a wrong phone number and a call by an officer saying that I received my refund which I never did because it was put on my charge card and I never received a credit on my charge card for it. So, he seems to think that a penny is equal to twenty dollars (\$20) and I belabored that issue with them downstairs and I told them that I was scammed, I was cheated and I was slammed and even the weights and measures people agree that the inaccuracy of the pumps were proven. This occurred on September 1, 2009 and I've yet to hear anything about that because I filed a complaint through the Better Business Bureau. I've put a lot of money into my truck and it's not running correctly. Obviously I've got a tank full of sludge or something in it. I've put over Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700) into that truck for maintenance and low and behold I have to contact Buster in Reynoldsburg, Ohio over the same kind of an issue with a Speed Way Station in North Canton, Ohio – two (2) of them – two (2) more errors on your fueling stations with the North Canton, Ohio address. So this is going to be very costly for somebody and I'm going to let the general public know that not only that, but I've complained to the Mayor of Canton, Ohio and to the Prosecutor in Canton, Ohio and to the Stark County Commissioners about another issue; and that's Sigfried Enterprises who runs the McDonalds' franchise here, and I've got several letters that verify, most of which occurred in the North Canton store – and the final issue I have to address here, so you know, since you are talking about trying to drum up business in North Canton, Ohio from out of towners, so they all know, buyer beware, that if you adopt an animal from the Stark County Humane Society, you're very likely to get one with rabies and I've got a complaint here – I'm still waiting for a refund of all my money. They



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verified the wrong namesake on the contract. They put a veterinarian at risk of losing his job. They put me at risk of losing my life or my brain power, and that's another issue the Prosecutor and the County Commissioner knows about, and I'm still waiting for a legitimate response on that. I have a check here that clearly states that they admitted their guilt and I have a rabies vaccination here – certificate, whatever, I have the letter here. The Mayor has it and the Repository has the information also and I just want to let you know that once again, buyer beware, that if you deal with some of these people that I mentioned, you're going to possibly ingest egg shells, fingernails and old food product, let alone adopt a dog that has rabies – that bites – a three year old male that they claim was named Chuck and now all of a sudden it's Duke under the name of Terry Gissiner. Unfortunately, my debit card shows it different, so these are issues that the Council here can look at and think about plus the fact that I was involved in a hit and run – I'm still waiting for a response from my insurance company and as far as I know, I'm going to need a new gas tank, a new fuel line setup – I'm sorry, a fuel pump, probably an injector set on my vehicle – it's a big block V8 that runs on gasoline so Buster knows about it. I certified a letter to them. If you'd like to find out about it, you can inquire with those people about the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation.

Mr. Revoldt: Thank you, Mr. Gissiner, you may take your seat. We appreciate your comments and they will be part of our public record, the permanent record this evening. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the issue of the community survey? Seeing none, let's move on to the recognition of visitors.

## 8. Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Revoldt: Is there anyone who wishes to address the Council this evening? If so, I would ask that in deference to the hour, that you would make your comments brief and succinct. Is there anyone who wishes to address the Council? Mr. Osborne.

Mr. Osborne: My name is Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. There's been a couple issues here in the last few months which may surprise people, between Mr. Revoldt and myself have agreed upon, but unfortunately, are not being reported in the paper, the first being the construction of the Sonic which he and I have opposed, and the second being the plans for the Veterans Memorial Park. As you recall, several months back when that was first discussed here in Council, I nearly fell out of my seat here in the audience when you had proposed maybe finding a suitable location for it. The plans to locate the Veteran's Memorial Park in Bitzer Park, and you probably all are getting tired of listening to this. I think you deserve a lot of recognition and appreciation. It's a very good gesture and a lot of hard work has gone into it – a lot of people have donated their time. My concern with this is locating it in Bitzer Park. It's a very small park, actually, it probably doesn't even deserve the name "park". It's just a small green area. As I have detailed over the last few months my concerns, the YMCA has plans or has talked about plans of enlarging and adding a pool there which is going to eat into Bitzer Park, further eroding what little green space is there. If you try to put this memorial there, it's going to be overshadowed by the present structure that's there and if there's any further enlargement of the Y, again, further dwarfing this very magnificent memorial that is planned. I think you're trying to put twenty (20) pounds of potatoes, as I've said before, in a ten (10) pound sack. The recent revelation this last weekend in both the *Beacon Journal* on Saturday, and the *Repository* on Sunday, they highlight the City of Green's plans for a memorial. We all, when we go to a memorial, whether it be a gravesite or a veteran's memorial, it's usually a place for quiet reflection, thought, appreciation for what our ancestors and our family members have left us. To put it right here in Bitzer Park when you have traffic flying by, with all the hustle and bustle, and then when I see what the City of Green is doing, setting aside a one (1) acre memorial next to, I guess, another seven (7) acre park, I'm a little disappointed in knowing that's going to be there thirty (30), forty (40), fifty (50), a hundred (100) years from now, is this the best that North Canton can do? I know they hope to break ground here within less than sixty (60) days. They do not have the funds. Unfortunately, at our Council of the Whole Meetings, there's a restriction on who speaks, who's allowed to speak – it's very arbitrary. You sit up here and say well we'll let you talk but we're not going to let you talk. As long as you continue to do that, you're going to – you're inviting problems. Now Mr. Repace spoke last week and has continued to have a designation of Phase I, Phase II, Phase III, and he's – that leads someone to think that well, it's going to be a progression of construction over time and yet in the same presentation, he says this is not going to be left undone.

Mr. Revoldt: Chuck, I'm going to exercise my discretion as President. We have a five (5) minute rule. I believe you have about thirty (30) seconds left, so I'll ask you to conclude your remarks. This ground has been well plowed. So, would you please expedite your comments and resume your seat, please – just continue to wrap this up.

Mr. Osborne: Well, you must have similar thoughts because I heard you here in this chamber talk about another location. That is not – you have multiple themes going on over there. You have the Boss Hoover Memorial. I think you're doing the veterans a disservice by having like

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a sideshow – a three (3) ring circus – this in one corner, this in another corner, this somewhere else. Also, you need to have the funds if they're going to continue, they need to have the entire funds in house. Mr. Repace stated that they do not have all the money for all of the plaques which leads you to believe, you're going to be looking at just a blank wall for some number period of time. I don't know but I just see contradictory remarks made by Mr. Repace and I think it was a disservice to Mr. Covey that you would not let him speak.

Mr., Revoldt: Mr. Osborne, your time has expired and I would ask you to resume your seat. Thank you very much. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Council this evening? Step forward to the microphone and state your name and address, please.

Mr. Tripp: Yes, my name is Larry Tripp. I reside at 1127 East Maple Street and I'm – in regards to the proposed first reading of Ordinance 24-10, the lowering of the speed limit on Maple Street from 35 to 25 miles per hour – I would like to know what intent is for the reduction of the speed limit?

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. DeOrio.

Mr. DeOrio: Well as it was presented to us by the Administration and discussed, the main thrust of it at first was to get traffic to slow down as they enter into a pedestrian crossing area which is going to be near where the Hoover Company is. The intent of the developers, the workers in there have to cross the street and to get them to cross at different entry points along that way, it's not like it was when Hoover's was there and they all kind of funneled through one entrance, there's multiple things going on. Just to try to get that traffic to slow down prior to being right on top of it. So that was the initial discussion as far as taking it from Taft, I think it was, to Woodside. Then as the rest of us all kind of weighed in on that, there was concern about, well, if you were traveling east on Maple from the center of town, and you're going through the 25, and then when you get out of the 25, at Woodside and you can now go 35, that we're actually speeding up into a school zone where the elementary school is and where people are coming in and out of there. So we wanted to invite discussion about extending it to Marquardt to try to take into account that traffic from the school, pedestrians if there be any there.

Mr. Tripp: Well, being a resident on East Maple for twenty-five (25) years, you have a hard time now enforcing 35 much less 25. So if this, you know, we have snow ordinance removal – that's not enforced. If you're concerned about the children, you know, at Clearmount School, get the streets cleaned. They're having to walk on the streets to come to and from school. Now the other point, if you want to reduce it, put stop signs, you know, every other block because you're not going to reduce it on Maple Street – to 25. I believe you tried that a few years back. I believe it was tried at one time so I don't, you know – I, for one would love to see it. You know, nothing better than to sit out in your front yard and see slow traffic, but – you know you'd have to eliminate semi's and put other restrictions, but reducing it, I don't believe it will do it. Thank you.

Mr. Revoldt: Thank you, sir.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

9. Mr. Revoldt: Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Council this evening? Seeing none then, let's move on to our new business. May we have a motion to read by title only, first reading of Resolution No. 19-10.

Mr. Peters moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 19-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz.

No: 0.

#### **Resolution No. 19-10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Personnel & Safety**

A Resolution declaring the City of North Canton's support in principle of a Countywide 9-1-1 Dispatch Center and authorizing the Mayor of the City of North to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of North Canton and the Stark Council of Governments and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Peters.

Mr. Peters: Yes, thank you. This resolution speaks to a memorandum of understanding. For the folks in the audience that weren't here in the work session last week, the MOU we put

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together is different than the one that was given to us by SCOG, written by our Law Director and fashioned pretty close to the resolution. In Section III of the resolution it speaks to the memorandum of understanding as exhibit A. A couple things to note, there's three (3) parts. The City of North Canton supports in principle only, the 9-1-1 Countywide Dispatch Center and that we don't agree – the parties hereto agree that nothing in this memorandum of understanding is or may be construed as a financial or other commitment by the City of North Canton and, three, we reserve the right not to participate in the implementation of the Countywide 9-1-1 Dispatch if technical, administrative, financial, or other elements are deemed unsatisfactory. There's a list of questions that we submitted, both Chiefs and us, to Mr. Concatto, two (2) weeks ago when he came to us; and he answered probably half of them and there's still a lot of unanswered questions. So I think the fact that those questions haven't been answered yet, or the remainder of those questions haven't been answered yet, I think this is the proper way to go.

Mr. Revoldt: Anyone else?

Mr. Peters: Anyone else got comments? With that...

Mr. Revoldt: Seeing none, may I have a motion to adopt the first reading of Resolution No. 19-10?

Mr. Peters moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Resolution No. 19-10.

All members present voting:

Yes: Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling.

No: 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for Resolution No. 19-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **suspend the rules** for Resolution No. 19-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters.

No: 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt under the rules as suspended, Resolution No. 19-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Resolution No. 19-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt.

No: 0.

10. Mr. Revoldt: Item 10. Motion to read by title only, first reading Ordinance No. 20-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 20-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder.

No: 0.

## Ordinance No. 20-10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Finance & Property

An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to advertise and receive bids; and, for the Mayor of the City of North Canton, through the Board of Control, to enter into a contract for the upgrade of the rear entrance doors at City Hall, at a total cost not to exceed \$35,000 and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, thank you. This money was placed in the 2010 budget. It will bring the back doors compliant with the ADA Requirements as well as allow some of the citizens of the community that are challenged physically to enter and exit the building without duress and that's the reason we've asked for this and asked for it to be placed on emergency.

Mr. Revoldt: Any other questions or comments? Seeing none, then a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 20-10. All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.

No: 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 20-10.

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Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 20-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio.

No 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt under the rules as suspended, Ordinance No. 20-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Ordinance No. 20-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz.

No 0.

11. Mr. Revoldt: Item 11. A motion to read by title only, first reading, Ordinance No. 21-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading**, Ordinance No. 21-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling.

No 0.

**Ordinance No. 21-10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Finance & Property**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, through the Board of Control, to enter into a five (5) year, tax-exempt Lease Purchase Agreement by and between the City of North Canton and U.S. Bank (U.S. Bancorp) for the lease purchase of a new Toro Groundmaster 5900 Lawnmower, for use by the various departments in the City of North Canton, to be acquired within the purview of the Ohio Cooperative Purchase Act, at a cost not to exceed \$77,000 and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, again, this is part of our 2010 capital equipment budget. We need it and we want to buy it on an emergency basis as the lawn is going to begin to grow as the temperature gets warm and they'll be buying it through the State Cooperative Purchase Authority.

Mr. Revoldt: Any other questions or comments?

Mrs. Kiesling: Alex has one.

Mr. Zumbar: I will bring back to Council a companion ordinance for this when we actually get the proceeds to pay off, essentially, the piece of equipment when we enter into the lease. So, you will see a second ordinance come back. It will probably be within a month or two (2) I expect.

Mr. Revoldt: Any addition? May I have a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-10?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 21-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters.

No 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 21-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **suspend the rules** for Ordinance No. 21-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt.

No 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt under the rules, as suspended, Ordinance No. 21-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules**, Ordinance No. 21-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder.

No 0.

12. Mr. Revoldt: Item 12. Motion to read by title only, first reading, Ordinance No. 22-10.

Mr. Davies moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading**, Ordinance No. 22-10. All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.

No 0.

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**Ordinance No. 22-10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Finance & Property**

An Ordinance authorizing the supplemental appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton, Ohio, to be appropriated from the unappropriated resources of the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund to the Salt Account in the amount of \$50,000 for the current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, again, we've exhausted our supply of salt – we've exhausted our money due to the severe February weather. Even though it's 53 degrees today, we do need sufficient salt to address snow removal should the need arise within the next thirty (30) to forty (40) days.

Mr. Revoldt: So, I can see the headline in the *Repository* tomorrow – Jon Snyder claims more bad weather ahead.

Mr. Snyder: Absolutely – I've seen my shadow as I was coming here...

(laughter)

Mr. Revoldt: May I have a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-10?

Mr. Davies moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 22-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio.

No 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 22-10.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **suspend the rules** for Ordinance No. 22-10.

All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz.

No 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt under suspension, Ordinance No. 22-10.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Ordinance No. 22-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling.

No 0.

13. Mr. Revoldt: Item 13. Motion to read by title only, first reading, Ordinance No. 23-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading**, Ordinance No. 23-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters.

No 0.

**Ordinance No. 23-10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Street & Alley**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, through the Board of Control, to enter into a professional services agreement for the design of the East Maple Street Reconstruction Project (Main Street to Taft Avenue NE), at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.

Mr. DeOrio: Mr. President, we discussed last week and everybody had an opportunity to kind of weigh in and I think those that were here in the audience would agree that the opinions on this were wide and varied and there were a lot of great rationales and explanations as to why certain members of Council felt either for or neutral or against this particular project, and we had to kind of just capsule them, I'm not sure how this is going to end up tonight but, you know, the thinking on this was that if we were going to make a big splash from an economic development standpoint, to kind of re-do that street, that could be a big spur to development of that area. There was also concern that the other streets that surround that are in need of major work. There was a study done that indicated that the needed, what was...very technical term – reconstruct or rebuild; and there was concern about would be monies be available for that if we used these monies first. There was talk about perhaps applying for some other grants to fund East Maple Project. In order to do that we would need to move forward with some type of design or engineer of it anyway in order to be able to even apply for something. I talked to Mr. Bowles earlier today and it seemed to be within our realm to move forward on this portion of it. If we want to radically re-do that, that may cause some additional phone calls to be made. So, we're really kind of, Mr. President, good arguments on both sides but I would, as Chairman of the Committee, I see value in moving forward with the engineering for it today whether it ultimately needs to be developed with existing funds, or we end up applying

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for and receiving other funds, we would still need to do this work. Before I would make a motion, I'd let anyone else weigh in.

Mr. Foltz: I concur with Chairman DeOrio from Street & Alley. I think this is vital we do this. Let's at least get the scope of work down to engineering so we could possibly bid this out. About a month ago I went on a little, I won't say tirade, but discussion about prices are never cheaper for infrastructure work right now. We're getting it done 60% on the dollar and I think this is something we need to move forward with. I understand the concerns of getting the area, or secondary streets done around the Hoover plant, but let's at least get this engineered right and move forward. That's what the intent was with the grant. My only other comment to go on the record, I would like to see something from the developers that would involve us coming back to the table with the Y and those parking areas in a future date, at least leave the door open for discussion if our Y would like to expand that pool further north. So, I concur with Chairman DeOrio.

Mr. Revoldt: Is there anyone else?

Mr. Peters: Yeah, if I could. I think the thrust of the argument last week was if we put all the money towards East Maple now and then we design and then do the side roads second, that we're not going to get any State or Federal funding, rather, for the back roads, the side roads. It's all going to be main thoroughfare. I was under the impression that we were going to have like a companion piece that was going to design or at least head in that direction. We were going to design the reconstruction of the side streets also. Was I wrong in that?

Mr. DeOrio: No, you were not wrong in that assessment. That was a pretty accurate report of part of what had happened at that meeting. We would like to, I think that it was expressed to the Administration, at least I think I did, that we would like to – there are a number of us that would like to see, you know, some engineering design on the other streets as well. We would like to have some sort of a comparison on that. I didn't ask for this tonight to be on an emergency or anything like that – didn't think I'd get it anyway, but I wouldn't do that because the discussion on it was so divided or at least, perhaps, inconclusive as to which direction it might go so I thought if we could just move it along and then give the Engineering or the Administration an opportunity to kind of put that together. At the minimum, I think that the real question that you're asking, whether we get the papers and all that kind of stuff or not, is whether or not we really even want to go through with the project, and because the questions that you bring up about whether other funding would be available to do neighborhood streets which typically (inaudible) as a result of it not being thoroughfares. But, that would be another step in the process that would have to come back to this body first, whether we're even going to do that and I know some might say, well you know, we committed to that point. But we need to get it done if we're going to apply for the other money so that we would be able to apply for money for East Maple and then know, with some degree of confidence that we have the money available to do the other streets. So I think what I'd like to be able to find out is an answer to both of those questions while we're perhaps scouring the universe for available grant funds that we try to keep juggling as many balls as we can to keep something moving until we are able to determine one way or the other whether or not you know what, no other money is going to be available. Now we've got a hard decision to make. Do we do that, side streets, or do we do this street? So I was just thinking that we keep the ball in the air, so to speak, until we can get more information.

Mr. Peters: I'm just concerned because that study that was done didn't just speak to East Maple. It spoke to all of the roads and this is the only one we have.

Mr. Davies: I would just say, you know, we could engineer both Maple Street and those streets behind. I don't want people coming back saying, well, we didn't get the engineering done and we got the money, and if we don't spend it we're going to lose it so now we have to spend it because that's the way this stuff works. And, you know, I won't vote for it until those streets are engineered also and then a decision is made where the money is spending. But I vote for it just for engineering Maple Street. Those streets need to be engineered also because we will not get grants for those streets and it will cost the City more in the long run. I mean it just flat out will.

Mr. Revoldt: Any other questions or comments?

Mrs. Kiesling: I just have a question for Jim. Is it feasible to get all this engineered plus all of Main Street this year? I mean, isn't there a point where you just can't do anymore? I want everything engineered but we want Main Street done also, so where are you at in all of that?

Mr. Benekos: It's feasible to have East Maple and the other streets designed this year. If we have East Maple designed by September, it should not be a problem to proceed on this course. I believe we could apply for an OPWC Grant for approximately 50% of East Maple. If we're successful in getting that, that would save about six hundred to seven hundred thousand

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(600,000 to 700,000) out of the JRS Grant that we could apply to the other streets. So, we can discuss that further at Committee Meeting next week, but I think that's a direction we can go.

Mr. DeOrio: To answer Mr. Davies' question, or his concern, when might we see from Administration a request to put on our agenda for the engineering of the other streets?

Mrs. Kiesling: Next week he said...

Mr. Benekos: Well, I think we could amend the existing legislation to increase the amount, probably to three hundred thousand, but we'll look at that also to include the design services of – for East Maple and the surrounding streets. So, we can either look at amending this, and making it one piece of legislation, or coming with a companion piece of legislation.

Mr. DeOrio: Mr. President, I would be in favor of moving, if there's support on Council, to amend the existing legislation 23-10 to include the design and engineering services for the surrounding streets, and to amend the cost, not to exceed \$300,000 and if we just do it on a first reading, I think that would give the Engineer enough time to kind of polish up his numbers to see if that's something that we're comfortable with.

Mr. Revoldt: If I can put a little finer point on your motion – I think what you'd like to do is have a motion to amend Ordinance No. 23-10 to include East Maple Street, Main to Taft, and the adjoining streets referenced in the JRS Grant. So that's, we're clear, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. That is the motion?

Mr. DeOrio: That is the motion.

Mr. Revoldt: Is there a second?

Mr. Foltz: I'll second.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Foltz seconded to **amend Ordinance No. 23-10 to include East Maple Street, Main to Taft, and the adjoining streets referenced in the JRS Grant.** All members present voting:

Yes: Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt.

No 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Now, may I have a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-10 as amended?

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **adopt the first reading, as amended,** of Ordinance No. 23-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder.

No 0.

(Discussion regarding amendment/adoption)

Mr. Revoldt: Let's have the record show that this matter was discussed by the Council and upon a suggestion of Mr. DeOrio and the concurrence of the majority and so voted, that the project has been expanded.

14. Mr. Revoldt: Without any other questions then let's move on to Item 14. Ordinance No. 24-10, do we have a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 24-10?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading,** of Ordinance No. 24-10. All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.

No 0.

## Ordinance No. 24-10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Street & Alley

An Ordinance lowering the speed limit on a portion of East Maple Street, from the intersection of Taft Avenue to the intersection of Marquardt Avenue, from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

Mr. DeOrio: Mr. President, as background to this – and to let everyone know, you should have in your packet, a copy of a letter that I had asked the Clerk of Council to send to every resident and business on Maple Street in that affected area to give them an opportunity to speak both tonight and at the succeeding two (2) meetings during the recognition of visitors portion. We heard from one gentleman tonight who was concerned that he would like to see the limit lowered on that street but is concerned about the enforcement. Didn't get an opportunity to address that a little bit, but, you know we did do some changes a few months

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ago to the citizens committee that can help with that issue and hopefully, this year, we will be able to put some of that into effect with the help of the Chief of Police. There is also in your packet, those who may have called in or had e-mailed or otherwise communicated with the Council office with their position being for or against this. I would recommend that we just give it its first reading tonight and then see how we are after the third reading and, if that's okay with the Administration, if they're not in any hurry, then I would move for passage of Ordinance No. 24-10.

Mr. Revoldt: Is there a second? A second by Mr. Peters, Clerk.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 24-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio.

No 0.

Mr. Foltz: I'll be yes for now but I have four (4) negatives that have called me but just to let you know for the record so far, so I will go along with the first reading for now -until I get more information.

15. Mr. Revoldt: A motion to read by title only, first reading, Resolution No. 25-10.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **read by title only, first reading**, Resolution No. 25-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz.

No 0.

**Resolution No. 25-10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Street & Alley**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to submit a Participation Agreement and request authority for the City of North Canton to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's ("ODOT") Contract for the purchase of Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt) for the 2010-2011 winter season and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. DeOrio: Mr. President, I would move for passage of Resolution No. 25-10.

Mr. Peters: Second.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Resolution No. 25-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling.

No 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for Resolution No. 25-10.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **suspend the rules** for Resolution No. 25-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters.

No 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-10 under the rules as suspended.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Foltz seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Ordinance No. 25-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt.

No 0.

16. Mr. Revoldt: Item 16. Motion to read by title only, first reading, Resolution No. 26-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Resolution No. 26-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder.

No 0.

**Resolution No. 26-10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Park & Recreation**

A Resolution by the North Canton City Council expressing their support and authorizing the Hoover World War II Veterans Monument Committee to work in conjunction with the Administration of the City of North Canton, to begin Phase I of the Veterans Memorial in Bitzer Park, under the terms and conditions established by the Administration and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Foltz: As President Revoldt referred to public speaks - we've had discussion from Mr. Osborne and Mr. Covey last month or so regarding this subject. I tend to disagree with Mr.



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Osborne -- I think it's going to be a wonderful addition to Bitzer Park. In fact I wrote a letter to the Hoover World War II Veterans Committee. It states, "Dear Committee Members, I strongly support the Hoover World War II Veterans Committee and others who have donated their time and money for the Veterans Memorial Project at North Canton Bitzer Park. This memorial will be a lasting legacy of our family members, City residents and our entire community who pay tribute to the great sacrifices our military members have serving our country. We're all appreciative of the work this committee has done. I look forward to the completion of the Veteran's Memorial this year." With that said, I'd like to review the Resolution -- there's been a couple changes to it. One change as indicated from the last Committee Meeting -- if you look in your packet at Section 2 and 3 of that - additions to the Resolution being "Phase I", as that term is used in this Ordinance, includes the following with regard to the Veterans Memorial: the foundation; all brick work, including but not limited to, the wall; installation of the Hoover plaque; and relocation of the "Boss" Hoover statue. Then Section 3, that, prior to beginning Phase I, the Hoover World War II Veterans Monument Committee shall provide the City of North Canton with reasonable assurances of fiscal responsibility. I think we have a great committee here, with outstanding people. I appreciate Mr. Covey's contribution early in this process so, I'd like to move forward with this on an emergency if we could so that the committee has in their hands this Resolution to apply for additional grant dollars to finish this. Questions or concerns from Council? If not, I'll make a motion to adopt this Resolution.

Mr. DeOrio: Second.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Resolution. 26-10.

All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.

No 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for Resolution No. 26-10.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **suspend the rules** for Resolution No. 26-10.

All members present voting:

Yes: Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio.

No 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt under the rules, as suspended, Resolution No. 26-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Resolution No. 26-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz.

No 0.

Mr. Revoldt: The record should show that Mr. Revoldt did vote "yes". We had a little confusion. Let's move on to Item...

(From the audience -- inaudible)

Mr. Revoldt: Excuse me?

(From the audience -- inaudible)

Mr. Revoldt: Sir, we're in the business portion of our meeting and we don't...

(From the audience -- inaudible)

Mr. Revoldt: Alright, excuse me just a minute, one moment. We are -- you can put your hand down, I see you. We are going to have a final call for business in just a few moments and at that time, you will have an opportunity to pose your question.

(From the audience -- inaudible)

17. Mr. Revoldt: Let's move on to Item 17. Items 17, 18, and 19 seek to establish the creation of verbatim transcripts for the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and then for certain Council Committee meetings that a chairman might request. So I won't belabor all three (3) of those but let's move, if we can, on to Item 17, motion to read by title only, first reading, Ordinance No. 27-10.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio second to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 27-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Folt, Kiesling.

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**Ordinance No. 27-10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ordinance, Rules & Claims**

An ordinance amending Chapter 145 PLANNING COMMISSION, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton by the addition of the requirement that all meetings of the Planning Commission be transcribed verbatim.

Mr. Revoldt: You know, essentially again for the record, the background on this is that we looked at the public discussion regarding the development of Washington Square. What we found was inconsistent public record. Some of Planning Commission records were transcribed verbatim, others were really nothing more than digest – not particularly useful. So, for the record, what we'd like to have is a clear, concise and complete record of proceedings from both the Planning Commission and ZBA. May I have a motion – any other comments?

Mr. DeOrio: I move that we pass Ordinance No. 27-10.

Mr. Davies: Second. Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 27-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters.

No 0.

18. Mr. Revoldt: Item 18 – a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 28-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 28-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt.

No 0.

**Ordinance No. 28-10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ordinance, Rules & Claims**

An ordinance amending Chapter 147 ZONING AND BUILDING STANDARDS BOARD OF APPEALS, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, by the addition of the requirement to provide verbatim transcription of all meetings of the Zoning and Building Standards Board of Appeals.

Mr. DeOrio: I move for passage of Ordinance No. 28-10.

Mr. Davies: Second.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 28-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder.

No 0.

19. Mr. Revoldt: Item 19 – a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 29-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 29-10. All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.

No 0.

**Ordinance No. 29-10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ordinance, Rules & Claims**

An ordinance amending Chapter 115 RULES OF COUNCIL, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, to require verbatim transcription of all Council meetings and on the request of the Committee Chairperson and concurrence of President of Council or by request of four (4) members of Council verbatim transcription of Committee meeting(s).

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, I move that you adopt Ordinance No. 29-10.

Mr. DeOrio: Second.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 29-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio.

No 0.

**REPORTS:**

Mr. Revoldt: Reports, and I would remind all of you that the Council President has an eye on the clock. Director of Law:

Mr. Nilges: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Very good.

Mr. Zumbar: No report, Mr. President.

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Mr. Wise: Not after that.

Mr. Revoldt: (inaudible) Mayor.

Mayor Held: I just have a number of things – just kidding. Just one announcement, this, March 11, Thursday, I would like to invite the Council Members and our residents to the State of the City. That will be at the Civic Center and we will also be televising that as another form to communicate to the residents as we talked about here tonight. We'll have that on Channel 11 also – so it's this Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 PM, the State of the City at the North Canton Civic Center. That's all, thank you.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Benekos.

Mr. Benekos: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Bowles.

Mr. Bowles: Very briefly.

Mr. Revoldt: Yes, very briefly.

Mr. Bowles: As you are all aware, we've been reading in the newspaper about the 2010 Census as the Mayor mentioned in his article in *Our Town*. Everyone's chair tonight, there was a little packet – 2010 Census. In addition to determining boundaries for the state and local legislators, congressional districts for the future, there's about Four Hundred Billion Dollars (\$400,000,000,000) that is every year given away as earmarks for CBG, our home monies, and I hope everybody will make sure they do fill in their census form – this will benefit the City of North Canton. Just to remind everybody that the 2000 Census, as a result of that, areas qualified in the City of North Canton and we were able to do waterline replacements on Sixth Street, Woodrow and Emerson as well as coming onto North Main Street, Whittier and Hower. So, it's important that you fill out those census forms for the community as well as for Stark County because the monies that come in help people that need help with their housing rehabilitation and so on and so forth. So, just another reminder to encourage everybody when those come in the mail – fill them in and send them back. End of report.

Mr. Revoldt: Clerk.

Mrs Kalpac: No report.

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Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Peters.

Mr. Peters: Just one thing – the North Canton Civil Service Commission will be conducting an open examination for the purpose of establishing an eligibility list for the position of Police Officer for the North Canton Police Department – that is on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 – 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. Registration is Monday, March 15, from 8:30 AM. It closes Friday, March 26 at 3:00 PM. You must register in person here at City Hall. That's it.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Davies.

Mr. Davies: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. DeOrio.

Mr. DeOrio: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mrs. Kiesling.

Mrs. Kiesling: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Snyder: Nothing, Mr. President.

Mr. Revoldt: Before we go, I would just like to do two (2) things – number one, is I'd like to echo Member Foltz's comments about the placement of the memorial. You know, if you look at North Canton's history, Main Street and the square have been the focal point for the City's military activities. It was along Main Street that our veterans marched off to Civil War. It is along that Main Street that (inaudible) the public celebrated Memorial Day. It is along Main Street at the square that the good citizens of New Berlin burned the Kaiser in effigy and celebrated their victory of World War I. There's no better place in my mind than to, if we have a community survey that says people value community, there's nothing - no better place than the town square to memorialize those who have served their country. We've had a vigorous debate over this subject. The Citizens Committee has done yeomen's work, they've made their recommendation, and Council has acted. So, Mr. Repace, we thank you. We thank the other members of the committee. Chuck, we appreciate your comments as well. Finally, the Survey Committee, again, we thank them for their good hard work and again, we lay the challenge upon the Hoover students in the wake of the Academy Award to capture our three (3) members of the Finance Committee on videotape so they can talk about municipal finances. There's really nothing more important at this point than communicating to the

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citizens, the gravity of our finances and what our plans are for the future and there's nobody better to explain that than the members of the committee.

## FINAL CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Revoldt: Now it is the final call for business. This gentleman to my left had a question. Sir, if you have one, make it quick.

Mr. Gissiner (speaking from audience): Yeah, I wasn't sure. I have a question specifically – is the Parks and Recreation Director here?

Mr. Revoldt: No, he is not.

Mr. Gissiner (speaking from audience): I had a question – I think – I witnessed the Parks and Recreation team mowed down one of the water fowl over in Price Park.

Mr. Revoldt: We'll take a look at that.

Mr. Gissiner (From audience) It was a white, and I believe it was female, and she looked like a rooster.

Mr. Revoldt: We'll take a look at it...

Mr. Gissiner (From audience) And also (inaudible)

## ADJOURN:

Mr. Davies: I move we adjourn.

Mr. DeOrio: Second.

(Several people talking from audience – inaudible)

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **adjourn** the committee meeting of the whole. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz.

No 0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL